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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4-17, 22, 23, 25-29, 35, 37-40, 42-45, and 47-49 are pending in the present application. New claim 50 has been added. Claims 3, 18-21, 24, 30-34, 36, 41, and 46 have been cancelled.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 12, 15, and 25 have been amended to more clearly define Applicants' invention. In these claims, the word "constituent" is replaced with "substituent" and the words "either" and "or" have been inserted before and after "hydrophobic," respectively, to clarify the claimed invention. Support for these amendments could be found in the claims as originally filed.

New claim 50 has been added to replace claim 3. Support for claim 50 can be found in claim 3 as originally filed.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-6, 12, 15, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

During the phone interview with Examiner Binta on September 26, 2003, she confirmed that claim 6 was inadvertently included and claim 9 was inadvertently omitted from this rejection.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 12, 15, and 25 have been amended to replace "constituent" with "substituent" as suggested by the Examiner. These claims have also been amended to insert the words "either" and "or" have been inserted before and after "hydrophobic", respectively to clarify that the recited substituents could be hydrophobic, hydrophilic, or fluorophilic.

Claim 3 has been deleted and replaced with claim 50.

Since the amendments to the claims have overcome the rejection, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim Objection

Claims 7-11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 22, 23, 26-29, 35, 37-40, 42-45, 47-49 are objected to because they are dependent upon a rejected claim.

Since the rejected claims have been amended to overcome the rejection, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

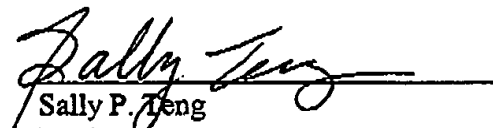
CONCLUSION

The foregoing amendments and remarks are being made to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. A favorable action is awaited. Should the Examiner find that an interview would be helpful to further prosecution of this application, they are invited to telephone the undersigned at their convenience.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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